

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following paragraph on page 1, between lines 6 and 7, of the originally filed application:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/174,323, filed January 4, 2000 and entitled "RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL FOR A CONFIGURABLE NETWORK ROUTER," having Ali Najib Saleh, H. Michael Zadikian, John C. Adler, Zareh Baghdasarian and Vahid Parsi as inventors.